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SUBJECT: BAN ON GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY LIFTED

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TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT LIFTING THE BAN ON THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY IS THE LATEST STEP THE NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TOWARD NATIONAL ELECTIONS. LAST WEEK THE CABINET APPROVED A NEW ELECTORAL LAW; A SPECIAL LAW NOW BEING PREPARED WILL OUTLINE THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO QUALIFY AS A POLITICAL PARTY.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS TO SET A TIME. MOST REPORTS INDICATE HE WILL PICK A DATE IN LATE NOVEMBER. AN EARLY ELECTION HAS THE ADVANTAGE FOR KARAMANLIS OF CAPITALIZING ON HIS IMAGE OF A RETURNED

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HERO. IT WILL ALSO GET THE GREEKS TO THE POLLS BEFORE THE BADLY FRAGMENTED LEFT CAN ORGANIZE.

THE COMMUNISTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE SPLIT INTO AT LEAST THREE GROUPS. THE LEGALIZATION OF THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY MAY TOUCH OFF A FRESH DEBATE WITHIN PARTY RANKS OVER WHO IS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY. EVEN IF THEY OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE, THE COMMUNISTS WILL NEED TO FORM SOME TYPE OF COMMON FRONT WITH THE RADICAL LEFTISTS' GROUPS IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE POLLS.

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